

**Remarks**

Claims 1-11 and 18-24 are pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration. Claims 3, 8-11 and 18-24 have been amended. Claims 12-17 were previously canceled. Claims 1-2 and 4-7 remain in the application unchanged. No new matter has been added.

***Status of Claims***

Claim 22 is objected to.

Claims 18-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as reciting claimed subject matter that does not produce a useful, concrete and tangible result.

Claims 18 and 23-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1-11 are allowed.

***1. Claim Objections***

The Examiner has provided a number of examples of claim deficiencies denoting possible antecedent issue. Specifically, the Examiner provides a non-inclusive list of examples, including:

Claim 22, line 3, change "nominal speed" to --nominal tape speed--.

Claim 22 has been amended to correct "nominal speed" to --nominal tape speed--.

The Applicant has further amended Claims 3, and 8-11 of the allowed claims to correct grammar (Claims 3 and 8) and remove any further deficiencies (Claims 9-11) which could arguably be construed as lacking antecedent basis.

No new matter has been added.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the objections to the claims are now overcome.

***2. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101***

Claims 18-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as reciting claimed subject matter that does not produce a useful, concrete and tangible result.